



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts !** In this week's edition, we share with you several opportunities for you to increase your knowledge about a particular community issue while enhancing your ability to resolve the problem. Often when reading about a negative statistic, you will say "someone should do something about that!". However, the truth is that each of us can do something about most of the problems plaguing our communities. It may take researching the issue and becoming better informed, but in the end, we as individuals have the ability to make a positive difference.

Take a moment to read this newsletter and find something you can do to improve your city, neighborhood, organization or faith institution. Philanthropy, "voluntary action for the public good" is the right and responsibility of each of us.

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David Eisner, Chief Executive Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Services, visited Indiana recently to attend a special event for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Indianapolis. While in Indiana, he took some time out to talk with Michele Sullivan (pictured), Director of Indiana's Learn and Serve Program, Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director, Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, and Louis Lopez, Director, CNCS State Office. While talking with the leaders of the three CNCS sponsored initiatives in Indiana, Mr. Eisner witnessed the strong collaboration and cooperation between the programs and the many cross-stream training opportunities that benefit the many CNCS volunteers and members across Indiana. Additionally, Mr. Eisner toured the offices of AIM an AmeriCorps program that provides mentoring services for juvenile offenders, and Horizon House, which hosts several VISTA Summer Associates.

#### CEO from CNCS visits IN



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#### FAITH-BASED FUND RAISING

Faith-based youth ministries often face unique challenges when trying to raise money from government, corporations and some private foundations. Learn how to overcome these challenges in, "**Raising Resources for Faith-Based Youth-Serving Organizations.**"

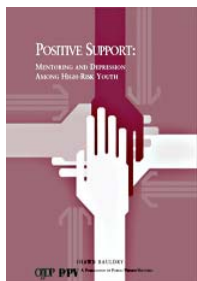
Participants will receive ready-to-use tools, scripts and templates at this training, which will be held in: **South Bend** (Sept. 5); **Ft. Wayne** (Sept. 6); **Syracuse** (Sept. 7); **Merrillville** (Sept. 8); **Muncie** (Sept. 11); **New Albany** (Sept. 12); **Indianapolis** (Sept. 13); **Terre Haute** (Sept. 14); **Evansville** (Sept. 15).



Registration fee is **\$20**. To more information or to register, please call IYI at 1-800-343-7060.

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## Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High-Risk Youth



*Positive Support* examines potential benefits of matching high-risk youth with faith-based mentors. Drawing on surveys and interviews with young people who participated in the National Faith-Based Initiative, we found that mentored youth were less likely to show signs of depression than the youth who were not matched with a mentor. This in turn was related to a variety of other beneficial outcomes, including handling conflict better and fewer self-reported instances of arrests. The report concludes with a consideration of the challenges of implementing a mentoring program for high-risk youth and how they might be overcome. To read the report, go to <http://www.ppv.org/>

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## Breaking the Silence--For the Good of All Families Hosted by the National Council of Churches

The negative data concerning children and families is alarming. The African American church knows healthy and committed relationships benefit children and adults. The Progressive National Baptist Women's Department in collaboration with two commissions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA --- The Justice and Advocacy Commission and the Education and Leadership Ministries Commission -- invite you to "A Family Affair," an Ecumenical Church Leadership Development Conference, Monday, August 7, 2006, from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, OH. Conference registration is \$40 which includes breakfast and lunch. For further information, please call 1-804-526-4420.

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## August 2006 – TRAINING CALENDAR

August 2 8:30 - 4:30	Major Gifts	The Fund Raising School, Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network	Daviess County Hospital, Washington, IN	\$39	<a href="http://www.inrm.org">www.inrm.org</a>
August 7 2:30 - 4:30	Identifying Funders and Seeking Grants Using IMCPL's Foundation Center Resources	Indianapolis Marion County Public Library	Interim Central Library, Indianapolis	Free	317-269-5310
August 10 12:00 - 2:00	Soliciting the Individual Donor	Indiana Youth Institute	TBA, Logansport	\$20 or \$15 United Way Agencies	<a href="http://www.iyi.org">www.iyi.org</a>
August 21 9:00 - 4:00	Motivating Parents to Help Children	Indiana Youth Institute	League for the Blind & Disabled, Fort Wayne	\$40, includes breakfast	<a href="http://www.iyi.org">www.iyi.org</a>
August 23 9:00 - 4:00	Motivating Parents to Help Children	Indiana Youth Institute	West Lafayette Public Library, West Lafayette	\$40, includes breakfast	<a href="http://www.iyi.org">www.iyi.org</a>
August 24 12:00 - 2:00	Board's Role in Fundraising	United Way of Cass County	TBA, Logansport	\$20 or \$15 United Way Agencies	<a href="http://www.inrm.org">www.inrm.org</a>
August 24 9:00 - 4:00	Motivating Parents to Help Children	Indiana Youth Institute	Marten House, Indianapolis	\$40, includes breakfast	<a href="http://www.iyi.org">www.iyi.org</a>
August 25 9:00 - 4:00	Motivating Parents to Help Children	Indiana Youth Institute	Holiday Inn, Co- lumbus	\$40, includes breakfast	<a href="http://www.iyi.org">www.iyi.org</a>

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Central Indiana Cancer Centers is pleased to offer *free* cancer screening and education to your service club, church, or employer group.



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For information about scheduling a customized screening contact: Linda Maynard, RN, BSN, OCN, 317-915-5619.

E-mail: [Linda.maynard@usoncology.com](mailto:Linda.maynard@usoncology.com)

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**  
**2nd Annual Infant-Toddler**  
**Specialists of Indiana (ITSI) Institute:**  
**Putting Families at the Heart of Relationship-Based Practice**

**August 23-25, 2006**  
**Stewart Center**  
**Purdue University**  
**West Lafayette, Indiana**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Jon Korfmacher, Erikson Institute**

<http://www.erikson.edu/home.asp>

Keynote: Where does the heart belong in relationship-based care?

Workshop: Infant mental health and relationship-based practice

**Dr. Carol Trivette, Orelana Hawks Puckett Institute**

<http://www.puckett.org/centers.php>

Keynote: Family-Centered Helpgiving Practices: Enhancing Parenting Capacity

Workshop: Promoting Children's Learning through Natural Learning Opportunities

**PLUS 2-HOUR REPEATED WORKSHOPS**  
**LED BY INDIANA EXPERTS:**

- Obesity Prevention: Facilitating Healthy Nutrition and Physical Activity in Early Childhood
- "Measuring Up" – Developmental Assessment of Infants and Toddlers
- How Sick is too Sick to Play & Practical Policies and Procedures for Infant-Toddler Care
- Intervention with Traumatized Infants and Toddlers
- Infant-Toddler Cognition/Language
- Reflective Supervision - Supporting Those Who Support Families



**Early bird registration is until July 23, 2006 for a discounted fee!**  
**Register online now: [www.conf.purdue.edu/ITSI/](http://www.conf.purdue.edu/ITSI/)**

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